

## **PROGRAM PARTICIPANT RIGHTS VIRGINIA FAITH-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS**

*In Virginia, faith-based organizations (churches, synagogues, mosques and religious organizations) may be awarded contracts by public bodies to provide services on behalf of government. If you are receiving services from a faith-based provider as a result of a contract between the provider of services and the public body, it is important that you understand your rights.*

Neither the public body's selection of a charitable or faith-based provider of services, nor the expenditure of funds under this contract is an endorsement of the provider's charitable or religious character, practices, or expression. No provider of services may discriminate against you on the basis of religion, a religious belief, or your refusal to actively participate in a religious practice. Additionally, you may not be discriminated against because of race, color, gender, age, national origin, handicap, or disability. If you object to a particular provider because of its religious character, you may request assignment to a different provider. If you believe that your rights have been violated, please discuss the complaint with your provider or notify the appropriate person as indicated in this form.

If you feel that your rights are ever violated, please call           (Contracting Agency Name and Telephone Number). Calling to report a problem will not, in any way, affect your eligibility for services.

Your signature below indicates you understand these rights and responsibilities of religious organizations that provide services and rights and safeguards for participants in programs carried out faith-based service providers.

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Signature of Service Recipient

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Service Provider Representative

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Date

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Date